



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Ruth D. Nelson

Ruth was born in the Camden area of North Minneapolis on June 10, 1911. Her parents, Carl and Hilda Olson, were Swedish immigrants and her father was the pastor of the Camden Swedish Mission Church. Ruth was the third of five children. The family also lived in Winnipeg, Manitoba, St. Cloud and Lake Jenny, Minnesota and Stambaugh, Michigan, where Ruth received her high school diploma in 1929. After training for one year at the Children's Home Society in St. Paul, Ruth began her career as a nursemaid/nanny. Ruth adored babies and children her entire life and they returned her love.

On October 14, 1942, Ruth was married to Melvin Nelson a few weeks before he reported for duty with the Army Air Corps. Daughter Susan was born in 1943. Susan and Ruth were able to spend the remaining war years with Melvin at the Army base in Amarillo, Texas. In 1946 Ruth and Melvin added daughter Charlotte to their family and moved to their new home in Dresser, Wisconsin. Daughter Shirley was born in 1948. From 1952-71 they lived in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. After Melvin retired they lived briefly at their lake home in Wisconsin. This time together was sadly very short. Melvin died in November 1973 at the age of 67. Ruth returned to the Minneapolis area and lived there the rest of her life. Her four grandchildren were very important to her during these years following Melvin's death. Ruth enjoyed reading, crocheting, knitting and traveling. Her love of reading and learning was passed on to her children. Ruth loved spending time with family and treasured her many friendships. Her faith in God was very strong and this was apparent in every area of her life. In failing health, the last ten years of her life were lived at Castle Ridge Care Center in Eden Prairie. Her love for God, family and friends did not diminish as she grew older. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother and she will be missed so much. We rejoice knowing she is now in heaven.

Preceded By: Husband Melvin Nelson,
Brother Stanley Olson, Sisters; Earldine Olson and Esther Nygaard

Survived By: Daughters Susan Loughrea (Jim), Charlotte Robinett (Bob), Shirley Bentzen (John),
4 Grandchildren; Andy Bentzen (Krissy), Doug Bentzen (Kelly),
Jenny Hokanson (Jon), Matt Robinett (Karin),
8 Great-grandchildren; Drew, Lillie, Jackson, Ellie, Dallas, Sam, Emily and Farah,
Sister Jeanette Thayer.

Service: May 5, 2010, 11:00 AM - Visitation 1 hour prior – beginning at 10AM
Excelsior Covenant Church,
19955 Excelsior Boulevard, Excelsior, Minnesota 55331
(952) 474-2537, www.excelsior-covenant-church.org

Interment: Crystal Lake Cemetery, 3816 Penn Avenue N, Minneapolis, MN. 55412

Memorial Designation: Excelsior Covenant Church or Castle Ridge Care Center.